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The proposed settlement seems more like a reward to Microsoft than any type of penalty. Three years ago, when I tried to buy an Intel based computer without Windows pre-installed, no one would sell me one. Every place I tried said they were not allowed to. One place did offer to remove Windows for me, but they still wanted me to pay for it. I consider that direct harm to me.

At the minimum, Microsoft should be required to make ALL their APIs public information. They even offered to, before the DOJ decided to do their best to drop the case. And the oversight group should not be dominated by Microsoft-they should be allowed only a token representative. Anything less will perpetuate their monopoly, and they have already shown evidence that they intend to become even more "aggressive" than before.

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